



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

Division of Workers' Compensation - Medical Fee Dispute Resolution (MS-48)

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MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Requestor Name

TX HEALTH DALLAS

Respondent Name

DALLAS ISD

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-15-3900-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 19

MFDR Date Received

August 03, 2015

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "Per the applicable Texas fee schedule the correct allowable would be per the DRG 548. The allowable for this DRG per Medicare is \$12,607.64, we have also attached the print out for your review from the Medicare pricer program. The correct allowable would be at 143% making the allowable at \$18,119.02. Based on their payment of \$17,879.59 there is an additional of \$239.43, still due at this time ...

We respectfully ask that you reprocess this admit at 143% of Medicare allowable per the Texas fee schedule."

Amount in Dispute: \$239.43

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: "At the time of the audit, the enclosed Medicare inpatient price 2015.3 recommended a total amount of \$12,503.21 for DRG 548. This amount multiplied by the DWC payment adjustment factor of 143% equals \$17,879.59."

Response Submitted by: Argus Services Corporation 811 S Central Expwy Richardson TX 75080

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
September 26, 2014 to October 03, 2014	Inpatient Hospital Services	\$239.43	\$0.00

FINDINGS AND DECISION

This medical fee dispute is decided pursuant to Texas Labor Code §413.031 and applicable rules of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation.

Background

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.
2. 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.404 sets out the acute care hospital fee guideline for inpatient services.

3. The insurance carrier reduced payment for the disputed services with the following claim adjustment codes:
 - P12QA – Workers Compensation jurisdictional fee schedule adjustment. *Medicare inpatient hospital specific reimbursement amount multiplied by 143%. DWC rule 134.404
 - 97H – The benefit for this service is included in the payment/allowance for another service/procedure that has already been adjudicated. *Service(s)/Procedure is included in the value of another service/procedure billed on the same date

Issues

1. What is the applicable rule for determining reimbursement of the disputed services?
2. What is the recommended payment for the services in dispute?
3. Is the requestor entitled to additional reimbursement?

Findings

1. This dispute relates to facility medical services provided in an inpatient acute care hospital. No documentation was found to support that the services are subject to a specific fee schedule set in a contract that complies with the requirements of Labor Code §413.011. Reimbursement is therefore subject to the provisions of 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.404(f), which states:

The reimbursement calculation used for establishing the MAR [maximum allowable reimbursement] shall be the Medicare facility specific amount, including outlier payment amounts, determined by applying the most recently adopted and effective Medicare Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) reimbursement formula and factors as published annually in the Federal Register. The following minimal modifications shall be applied.

- (1) The sum of the Medicare facility specific reimbursement amount and any applicable outlier payment amount shall be multiplied by:
 - (A) 143 percent; unless
 - (B) a facility or surgical implant provider requests separate reimbursement in accordance with subsection (g) of this section, in which case the facility specific reimbursement amount and any applicable outlier payment amount shall be multiplied by 108 percent.

No documentation was found to support that the facility requested separate reimbursement for implantables; for that reason, the MAR is calculated according to §134.404(f)(1)(A).

2. Per §134.404(f)(1)(A), the sum of the Medicare facility specific reimbursement amount and any applicable outlier payment by 143%. Information regarding the calculation of Medicare IPPS payment rates may be found at <http://www.cms.gov>. Review of the submitted documentation finds that the DRG code assigned to the services in dispute is 548. The services were provided at TX Health Dallas. Based on the submitted DRG code, the service location, and bill-specific information, the Medicare facility specific amount is \$12,503.21. This amount multiplied by 143% results in a MAR of \$17,879.59.
3. The total recommended payment for the services in dispute is \$17,879.59. This amount less the amount previously paid by the insurance carrier of \$17,879.59 leaves an amount due to the requestor of \$0.00. This amount is recommended.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, the Division finds that the requestor has not established that additional reimbursement is due. As a result, the amount ordered is \$0.00.

ORDER

Based upon the documentation submitted by the parties and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Labor Code §413.031, the Division has determined that the requestor is entitled to \$0.00 reimbursement for the disputed services.

Authorized Signature

Signature

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer

8/28/15
Date

YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

Either party to this medical fee dispute has a right to seek review of this decision in accordance with 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307, effective May 31, 2012, *37 Texas Register 3833*, **applicable to disputes filed on or after June 1, 2012.**

A party seeking review must submit a **Request to Schedule a Benefit Review Conference to Appeal a Medical Fee Dispute Decision** (form **DWC045M**) in accordance with the instructions on the form. The request must be received by the Division within **twenty** days of your receipt of this decision. The request may be faxed, mailed or personally delivered to the Division using the contact information listed on the form or to the field office handling the claim. The party seeking review of the MFDR decision shall deliver a copy of the request to all other parties involved in the dispute at the same time the request is filed with the Division. **Please include a copy of the *Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision*** together with any other required information specified in 28 Texas Administrative Code §141.1(d).

Si prefiere hablar con una persona en español acerca de ésta correspondencia, favor de llamar a 512-804-4812.